

SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACT SHEET

Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services

This fact sheet contains information about the impact of alcohol and other drug use in the Fourth Norfolk Representative District. Admission data were reported to the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) Substance Abuse Management Information System in FY 2003.

Residents of Fourth Norfolk Representative District

Characteristics of Admissions

In FY 2003, there were 115,896 admissions to licensed substance abuse treatment services in all of Massachusetts; less than one percent (841) of these admissions reside in the Fourth Norfolk Representative District. 6% (54) of admissions from the Fourth Norfolk Representative District were under 17 years of age. **Please note that these statistics represent only individual admissions, and represent a figure lower than the actual number of constituents in need of treatment services.** In FY 2003, admissions to all residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment services from the Fourth Norfolk Representative District reported the following characteristics:

- 69% were male and 31% were female.
- 61% were between the ages of 30-49.
- 92% were white non-Latino, 3% were black non-Latino, 2% were Latino, and 3% were other racial categories.
- 64% were never married, 14% were married, and 21% reported not to be married now.
- 28% had less than high school education, 49% completed high school, and 22% had more than high school education.
- 30% were employed.
- 7% were homeless.
- 33% had prior mental health treatment.

Primary Substance of Use

At admission clients also identify a “primary drug” of use that is the substance for which the client is seeking treatment. Table 1 compares the proportional distribution of primary drugs in Massachusetts with that for the Fourth Norfolk Representative District.

Table 1					
Primary Drug by District and State FY 2003					
	Alcohol	Heroin	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack
District	48%	30%	6%	6%	2%
State	43%	38%	6%	4%	4%

Substances Used in Past Year

Upon entering treatment, each client is asked to report ALL substances used in the past year (12 months) prior to admission. Admissions frequently report using more than one substance within the year. The use of more than one psychoactive substance, such as alcohol and marijuana, is referred to as ‘polydrug’ or ‘polysubstance’ use.

Table 2 shows ALL substances which clients reported using in the year prior to admission, as well as the prevalence of injection drug users (or IDU's), individuals who use a needle to ingest cocaine, crack, heroin or another drug to get high.

Table 2							
Annual Admissions by Substance Used: FY 1995 – FY 2003							
Fourth Norfolk Representative District							
	Total	Alcohol	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack	Heroin	IDU
FY '95	570	498	133	124	56	123	96
FY '96	451	373	114	111	51	114	98
FY '97	560	482	179	141	61	134	89
FY '98	703	595	201	157	64	191	142
FY '99	693	566	205	172	68	215	167
FY '00	736	555	218	176	94	233	183
FY '01	836	607	213	185	79	270	198
FY '02	806	597	205	209	86	277	205
FY '03	841	604	220	198	113	288	233